

85-1-.08 Conduct of Bout.

(1) Boxers.

- (a) **False Name.** No boxer shall enter any agreement or contract with a promoter, compete in any match, or otherwise participate in any capacity under any name which does not appear on his or her Federal ID card.
- (b) **Prohibition if Under Suspension.** No boxer shall enter any agreement or contract with a promoter, compete, or attempt to compete in any match in Georgia when such boxer knows that his or her boxing license issued by this commission or by any other boxing commission is under suspension.
- (c) **Pregnancy.** No boxer shall enter any agreement or contract with a promoter, compete, or attempt to compete in any match in Georgia when such boxer knows that she is pregnant.
- (d) **Weigh-In.** In all contests or exhibitions, contestants shall weigh in at a previously agreed upon time and in the presence of an authorized commission representative, provided however that such weigh-in shall not take place less than six hours nor more than 36 hours prior to the contest or exhibition.
 - 1. All official weigh-ins, unless otherwise agreed to in advance by the commission, shall be conducted outside the view of the general public.
 - 2. Ceremonial weigh-ins may be conducted in such manner and at such place as agreed to by all parties involved in the promotion or match.
- (e) **Over-weight boxers.** The use of any herbal, prescription or non-prescription diuretic by any boxer within twelve hours prior to the weigh-in is strictly prohibited.
 - 1. **(135/2)** No over-contract-weight contestant appearing at the initial weigh-in and weighing 135 pounds or less will be allowed to lose in excess of two pounds in order to make contract weight. Any such boxer must be re-examined by the ringside physician and receive clearance from the ringside physician prior to entering the ring.
 - 2. **(160/3)** No over-contract-weight contestant appearing at the initial weigh-in and weighing 135 pounds but less than 160 pounds will be allowed to lose in excess of three pounds in order to make

contract weight. Any such boxer must be re-examined by the ringside physician and receive clearance from the ringside physician prior to entering the ring.

3. (190/4) No over-contract-weight contestants appearing at the initial weigh-in and weighing 160 pounds but less than 190 pounds will be allowed to lose in excess of four pounds in order to make contract weight. Any such boxer must be re-examined by the ringside physician and receive clearance from the ringside physician prior to entering the ring.

(f) **Weight Classes.** Weight classes for professional boxers shall be:

1. Flyweight—112 lbs. or under
2. Bantamweight—over 112 lbs.—118 lbs.
3. Featherweight—over 118 lbs.—126 lbs.
4. Lightweight—over 126 lbs.—135 lbs.
5. Welterweight—over 135 lbs.—147 lbs.
6. Middleweight—over 147 lbs.—160 lbs.
7. Light Heavyweight—over 160 lbs.—175 lbs.
8. Cruiserweight—over 175 lbs.—200 lbs.
9. Heavyweight—over 200 lbs.

Editor's Note: Championship Belts will be awarded according to the weight classifications recognized by the sanctioning body awarding the belt.

(g) **Weight Spread.** No boxing contest or exhibition may be scheduled, and no boxer may engage in a boxing contest or exhibition without the approval of the commission or the commission's representative if the difference in weight between the boxers exceeds the following allowance.

1. Up to 118 lbs—not more than 3 pounds
2. 118 lbs to 126 lbs—not more than 5 pounds
3. 126 lbs.—135 lbs.—not more than 6 pounds
4. 135 lbs.—147 lbs.—not more than 7 pounds
5. 147 lbs.—200 lbs.—not more than 9 pounds
6. 200 lbs. and over (Heavyweight)—no limit

(i) Any agreement to proceed with a boxing contest or exhibition where the weight spread exceeds the limit established in this rule shall be entered on each participant's bout contract and shall be initialed or signaled by such participant.

(h) **Appearance Time.** All contestants must be in the dressing room at least 60 minutes before the event is scheduled to begin.

(i) **Ring Attire.** Boxers shall appear and compete in proper ring attire.

1. All boxers will be required to wear such protective gear as deemed necessary by the commission.

(i) Male boxers shall wear a standard kidney protection belt designed for male boxers which includes a groin protection cup of such construction as to prevent any claim of injury caused by an unintentional blow.

(I) This gear shall be firmly adjusted and tied prior to entering the ring.

(II) During the course of the match the upper belt of this gear may not rise above the trunk waist line so as to protect the boxer from normal body blows.

(III) The use during any boxing match of a protective belt commonly referred to as a training protective belt (which incorporates an oversized torso protection shield) is prohibited.

(ii) Female boxers may wear a standard kidney protection belt designed for female boxers and which provides the necessary pelvic and ovary protection and shall wear a sports bra with an interior pocket which can, at the option of the boxer, hold an appropriately sized breast protector of a "turtle-shell" style.

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(II) During the course of the match the upper belt of this gear may not rise above the trunk waist line so as to protect the boxer from normal body blows.

2. The belt-line of the trunks shall not extend above the waistline and the hem may not extend below the knee.

3. Boxers in the same match should wear different color trunks.

4. Each boxer shall use a mouthpiece and no round may start without a boxer's mouthpiece in place. All amateur contestants shall use a

mouthpiece that uses dual arch technology or protects both the upper and lower teeth.

- (i) If the mouthpiece is dislodged during competition, the referee will call time and have the mouthpiece replaced ***at the first opportune moment*** without interfering with immediate action.